

**BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 24, 2007 MINUTES**

On Tuesday, April 24, 2007, a meeting of the Board of Madison County Commissioners came to order at 10:00 AM with Commissioners David Schulz, Lewis Stahl and Jim Hart present.

Lewis Stahl moved to approve the April 10, 2007 minutes with corrections. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Those people in attendance at the meeting were Doris Fischer, Jack Reints, Dan Reddick, Paul McMullin, Karen McMullin, Staci Beecher, Barbie Durham, Tom Ramirez, Sheri Jarvis, Karen Brown, Karen Fischer, Sandra Bailey, Ralph Fegel, Judy Fegel, Peggy Kaatz, Vicki Tilstra, Frank Ford, Bob Fahland, Greg Rice, and Karen Rice.

Ennis Trade Center Final Plat: Doris Fischer, Planner, Paul McMullin, and Karen McMullin, Developers, met with the Board to discuss the final plat of Ennis Trade Center Subdivision. This subdivision is located along the east side of U.S. Highway 287 North about 1.5 miles north of Ennis. It is a re-division of a prior subdivision that will create six lots for commercial and light industrial purposes. There was also a road variance approved with the preliminary plat. Per recommendation of the Planner, Jim Hart moved to approve the final plat of Ennis Trade Center Subdivision in Section 28 of Township 5 South, Range 1 West. Lewis Stahl seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

South McAllister Minor Subdivision Final Plat: Doris Fischer, Planner, Paul McMullin, and Karen McMullin, Developers, met with the Board to discuss the final plat of South McAllister Minor Subdivision. This subdivision is located on the east side of U.S. Highway 287 in McAllister and would create four lots for residential or commercial use. Meadow Lane will provide access to lots when constructed. There is a Subdivision Improvements Agreement for construction of the road and a letter of credit with First Madison Valley Bank in the amount of \$12,744. Jim Hart moved to approve the final plat of South McAllister Minor Subdivision in Section 33 of Township 4 South, Range 1 West, as recommended by the Planner, with the Subdivision Improvements Agreement and Letter of Credit. Lewis Stahl seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Jack Reints Minor Subdivision Final Plat: Staci Beecher, Planner 1, Doris Fischer, Planner, and Jack Reints, Developer, presented the Board with the final plat of Jack Reints Minor Subdivision. This subdivision is located approximately one mile northeast of Jeffers and will create three single family residential lots. There is a discrepancy between the septic facility location on the final plat and the septic site plan. New septic site plans have been submitted but not yet approved by the Sanitarian. All other required information has been submitted. Per recommendation of Planning Staff, Jim Hart moved to approve the final plat of Jack Reints Minor Subdivision in Section 35, Township 5 South, Range 1 West, with the condition that it not be recorded until the County Sanitarian gives final approval to the amended sanitation plan. Lewis Stahl seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Boulder River Subdivision Request to Release Bond: Doris Fischer, Planner, met with the Board to discuss a request to release the bond for subdivision improvements to Boulder River Subdivision. Doris explained that the road improvements for this subdivision had been completed and signed off by former Commissioner Frank Nelson but a dry hydrant that was put in the river did not have the proper permitting. The subdividers have since gotten a permit issued retroactively and the bond can now be released. Lewis Stahl moved to release Bond #881454-S issued by Insco Insurance Services, Inc. in the amount of \$40,194, in favor of Madison County, for subdivision improvements to Boulder River Subdivision. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Grants – Sheridan Trails: Barbie Durham, Grant Writer, met with the Board to request additional funding for the Sheridan Trails CTEP Grant. Construction bids for this project came in over budget by \$2,000. The Town of Sheridan requested additional CTEP funding in the amount of \$1,731, with the Town providing the local match of \$269. Lewis Stahl moved to increase the Community Transportation Enhancement Program allocation for the Sheridan Trails project by \$1,731. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Grants – Robbers Roost Restoration Project: Barbie Durham, Grant Writer, presented the Board with a CTEP application, on behalf of the Virginia City Preservation Alliance, for restoring the buildings at the Robbers Roost. Lewis Stahl moved to approve the Community Transportation Enhancement Program funding application for Robbers Roost Building Restoration in the amount of \$25,800. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Claims: The Board continued this portion of the meeting to Friday, April 27, 2007.

Board Appointments: Having received a letter of interest, Lewis Stahl moved to appoint Claude Fuller to the Laurin Cemetery Board for a three year term that will expire on December 31, 2009. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

DON Resignation: The Board acknowledged receipt of a copy of a letter of resignation from Julie Misero, Director of Nursing at the Madison Valley Manor. Because of the transition of the Administrator at the Madison Valley Manor, the Board will be working to get a replacement DON.

Skyline Funding Request: The Board is scheduling a meeting with the Gallatin County Commission to discuss this and other issues pertinent to the Big Sky area.

Virginia City Ranches RID: Commissioner Schulz is working with Bond Counsel and representatives from Virginia City Ranches Homeowners Association to resolve issues involved in creating a Rural Improvement District before the September 1, 2007, deadline.

Juvenile Detention Annual Visit: Tom Ramirez, Juvenile Detention, met with the Board to discuss the operations of his office. For the benefit of the new Commissioners, Tom gave a background of the department and outlined funding sources, programs implemented, and the basic functions of these programs.

Twin Bridges Fly-In Insurance: Jim Hart moved to approve the application for event insurance for the Twin Bridges Father's Day Fly-In. Lewis Stahl seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Building Project (Law & Justice Center): Sheri Jarvis, Information Coordinator, met with the Board with an update on the progress of the Law and Justice Center project. Karen Brown, GIS/IT, and Karen Fischer, were also present for this portion of the meeting.

Public Hearing – Pony Alley Closure: Chairman Schulz opened the public hearing regarding an alley closure in the Town of Pony at 1:50 PM, with Sandra Bailey, Ralph Fegel, and Judy Fegel present. Chairman Schulz noted that the petition had been accepted by the Board and that this hearing had been noticed as required. He then read the petition, the viewers report, and one letter of opposition to the alley closure. Those present all spoke in favor of the alley closure. The Board contacted Peggy Kaatz, Clerk and Recorder, who was present for the remainder of the hearing, to discuss the procedure followed on previous alley closures. Lewis Stahl moved to approve the Petition to Close the Alley between East Street and Beatrice Avenue in Block 2 of the Schamlhausen Addition to the Town of Pony and attach the property, by deed, to the adjacent lots, but retain an easement for infrastructure purposes. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Postage Rate Increase: Vicki Tilstra, Bookkeeper, met with the Board to discuss changes in postage rates and request approval to purchase an attachment to the County postage machine that will facilitate these changes. Jim Hart moved to authorize the purchase of an IJ-DS postal scanner from Neo Post. Lewis Stahl seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Judy Lane Culvert: Lewis Stahl moved to approve Task Order #6 to the Agreement for Professional Services, dated August 22, 2005, between Madison County and Great West Engineering, for hydraulic analysis necessary to properly size a replacement culvert for the Judy Lane Bridge over the West Bench Canal for an amount not to exceed \$500. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Heritage Commission MOA Radio Frequencies: Frank Ford, Public Safety Communications Coordinator, met with the Board to discuss emergency radio frequency needs. Jim Hart moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement, dated April 17, 2007, in which the Montana State Heritage Commission, in the interests of enhancing public safety response capability, authorizes the use of their proprietary frequency (FCC Registration Number 0002882377, Call Sign WQG1414) by emergency service providers during disasters and emergency incidents. Lewis Stahl seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Insurance Concerns: Bob Fahland, Tobacco Root Mountain Care Center Employee, met with the Board to discuss insurance claims that were denied as a pre-existing condition. Bob also discussed overall concerns at TRMCC. The Board will take these concerns under advisement.

Planning Board Recommendations: Doris Fischer, Planner, and Staci Beecher, Planner 1, met with the Board to discuss recommendations from the Planning Board to consider while recruiting a new Planning Director. David Schulz suggested that the County Compensation Board be consulted regarding wage recommendations. The possibility of an interim Director was also discussed.

Indian Ridge Roads: Greg and Karen Rice, Landowners, Doris Fischer, Planner, and Staci Beecher, Planner 1, met with the Board to discuss reimbursement of a portion of the costs for road development of Centennial Drive and a portion of Agua Lane which are both used for access to Indian Ridge Subdivision. A portion of the costs were directly incurred by the Rices and a portion was included in an RID for road improvements. The Rices are requesting that Indian Ridge share a proportionate amount of the cost for these improvements. The Board will consult with the County Attorney before making a determination on this request.

With no further business this portion of the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Friday, April 27, 2007:

Claims: The Board approved Claims.

David Schulz, Chairman
Board of Madison County Commissioners

Date Approved: May 8, 2007

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